



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Toru TSUKADA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/809,262

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For: FEED SCREW DEVICE

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 23, 2001, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

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17. (Amended) A feed screw device comprising:

a screw shaft;

a nut member threadably engaging an outer periphery of the screw shaft;